

RAN Collection practice template

<p>Name of the practice</p> <p>Please note that by practice we mean an activity/method/tool that has been used or is in use by professionals and/or community members.</p>	<p>CENAA</p>
<p>Description (max. 300 words)</p> <p>Short description of the aim and working method of the practice. Please note that in this description, it must be clear that <u>there is an explicit connection to preventing and/or countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism</u>. This means that in the aims and/or the activities/methods/tools of the practice, there is a link to preventing and countering radicalisation and/or violent extremism. Practices without this link cannot be included in the RAN Collection.</p>	<p>Our approach incorporates three elements, each focusing on one aspect of radicalisation in Slovak society: first-line practitioners and people in daily proximity to signs of extremism at local level; political party representatives and policymakers at various levels; and so-called reluctant radicals, i.e. people who tend to vote for extremist parties under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Our principal aim is to provide a platform for local actors to share experiences and voice opinions on pressing regional issues, and to share best practices on countering extremist actions. The target region of the project, Gemer, is located in south-eastern Slovakia. Gemer suffers from serious socio-economic problems as well as extremely strained relations between the majority and minorities, especially the Roma group.</p> <p>With the support and knowledge of local non-governmental organisation (NGO) representatives, who are well known and accepted by local citizens, and by holding discussions under the Chatham House Rule, we have successfully encouraged fearless, open and free expression. This allows the discussion platform to use local actors as partners in the process of formulating a strategy to counter regional extremism, rather than lecturing the target group.</p> <p>Secondly, our aim is to highlight the subject of extremism and radicalisation in political discourse, and to help 'politicise'</p>

	<p>the problem. We also push for discussion with representatives of major political parties in Slovakia as well as representatives of municipalities in target regions, in order to spotlight the issue of extremism and radicalisation, and formulate strategies to deal with this security problem at policy level. Via ongoing consultations with political party representatives, mayors and young political party members, we bring sensitive issues to the fore and urge political representatives to take a position.</p> <p>Thirdly, after the electoral success of the head of the right-wing extremist political party in the gubernatorial elections, we follow the development of voting behaviour in central Slovakian regions in elections. In practice, this could help to design interventions aiming to influence people's perceptions. Based on the moral foundations theory and theory of political attitudes, employing these research methods will also offer additional opportunities: for designing experiments based on story editing, and for intervention techniques devised to reshape people's narratives about themselves and the world, in a way that results in lasting behavioural change. We will test and analyse potential means of framing and communicating sensitive issues in public discourse.</p>
<p>Peer reviewed</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Key themes</p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> 2 key themes most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>Multi-agency cooperation</p> <p>Local strategies/cities</p>
<p>Target audience</p> <p>Please <u>choose</u> a minimum of one target audience most corresponding with the practice.</p>	<p>First responders or practitioners</p> <p>Educators / Academics</p> <p>General public</p>
<p>Geographical scope</p> <p>Please indicate where the practice has been/is implemented (countries, regions, cities).</p>	<p>Slovakia, especially central Slovakia and the Banská Bystrica Region</p>
<p>Start of the practice</p> <p>Please indicate when (year) the practice was developed and implemented to indicate the</p>	<p>Starting year: 2012</p> <p>The practice was launched in 2012 and its implementation is still evolving and ongoing.</p>

<p>maturity of the practice. In case the practice is no longer active, please indicate when it ended.</p>	
<p>Deliverables</p> <p>Please indicate if the practice has led to concrete deliverables, such as (links to) handbooks, training modules, videos.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report and policy recommendations resulting from round table meetings, elaborated in cooperation with first-line practitioners • Report and policy recommendations resulting from face-to-face consultations with major political party representatives • Report and policy recommendations resulting from consultations with candidates in European parliamentary elections • Report and policy recommendations resulting from a case study of successful local practices and problematic regions (published in 2015) • Design of an intervention to reshape people’s narratives and perceptions • Publication of the survey outcome (expected in November 2017)
<p>Evidence and evaluation</p> <p>Short description on <u>performance measures</u> of the practice, including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>qualitative views and quantitative (statistical) data</u> e.g. measure of the success of your project or intervention. 2. <u>evaluation and feedback</u>, including surveys and/or anecdotal evidence e.g. have you done either an internal or external evaluation, have you encouraged any feedback from your target group? 3. <u>peer review</u> which feedback did the practice receive in the RAN working group and/or study visit where the practice was discussed. <p>Please elaborate on the outcomes of your monitoring and evaluation efforts.</p>	<p>Our practice continually consults with external experts and collaborators from NGOs and the academic community, and is monitored and evaluated using qualitative as well as quantitative techniques.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our practice carried out ongoing monitoring of political party performance and evolution of attitudes over time, through continuous face-to-face consultations, as well as regular in-depth interviews and data collection via questionnaires. 2. Opinion polls and surveys are carried out on the moral foundations and political attitudes of voters from targeted regions, in cooperation with a well-founded research agency in Slovakia. The aim is to create a picture of extremist party voters, which will serve as a basis for interventions design. 3. Our practice tests and evaluates interventions via cognitive interviews and questionnaires that gauge the shift in attitudes over time. 4. Our practice educates the younger generation on extremism and radicalisation, and also improves their resilience to the disinformation campaigns of extremist parties. 5. A survey was held, focused on the younger generation’s perception of extremist parties.

<p>Sustainability and transferability (maximum of 200 words)</p> <p>Short description on the sustainability and transferability of the practice, including e.g. information on the costs of the practice. <u>Please elaborate on which elements are transferrable and how.</u></p>	<p>Our approach prioritises respect for the specificities of local contexts and proper data-collection methodology, as well as the testing and evaluation of interventions. We view our activities as experiments, designed to be transferable and testable in different contexts, and therefore also allowing for analysis of their efficiency and success in a broader context.</p>
<p>Presented and discussed in RAN meeting</p> <p>Please note that to be included in the Collection, the practice is preferably nominated through one of the RAN meetings. Add name of the RAN Working Group/event, date, place and subject of meeting.</p>	<p>Name: RAN DERAD Date: 09/04/2021 Place: Dublin Subject:</p> <p>Name: RAN DERAD. Date: 08/07/2013. Place: Ljubljana.</p> <p>Name: RAN DERAD. Date: 25/03.2014. Place: Berlin.</p> <p>Name: Plenary. Date: 16/06/2014. Place: Brussels.</p> <p>Name: HLC. Date: 17/06/2014. Place: Brussels.</p>
<p>Linked to other EU initiatives or EU funding (maximum of 100 words)</p> <p>Please indicate how your project was funded, if your practice is linked to other EU initiatives or projects, AND explicitly note if it is (co-) funded by the EU, and if so, by which funds?</p>	<p>CENAA is a member of the European Network of Deradicalisation (ENoD).</p> <p>CENAA is also a partner in the 'European Fair Skills – De-radicalisation Training for Peer Role Models and Youth Workers' (EFS) project, which is coordinated by Cultures Interactive.</p>

<p>Such as Erasmus +, Internal Security Funds (ISF), European Social Fund (ESF), Horizon 2020, etc.</p>	
<p>Organisation (enter maximum of 100 words and select organisation type)</p> <p>Please briefly describe the organisation behind the practice including the legal status e.g. NGO, governmental, limited company, charity etc.</p>	<p>Enter text here The NGO Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA) is an independent think-tank based in Bratislava (Slovakia), focused mainly on research and educational activities in the field of foreign and security policy.</p> <p>This research, training and educational project concentrates on extremism as a security threat in the region of central Europe. It cooperates broadly with local NGOs and the academic community, and is financially supported by Open Society Foundations.</p> <p>Type of Organisation: NGO</p>
<p>Country of origin</p> <p>Country in which the practice is based.</p>	<p>EU or EEA country: Slovakia</p> <p>or:</p> <p>Non-EU country: Enter name if non EU country</p>
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